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LCSO Working with FBI, Regional Partners to Counteract Bank Robberies

Trends show an increase in bank robberies in December

Loudoun County, VA- In recent weeks, Loudoun County has seen three bank robberies, all in the Sterling, Virginia area. In response to this spike in crime, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office is working in conjunction with the FBI Washington Field Office and our partners on the Violent Crimes Task Forces in Northern Virginia, to proactively counteract bank robberies this holiday season.

In recent days, detectives with the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division have been visiting area banks and speaking with their managers and employees about prevention, steps to take during a robbery, and what employees should do after a robbery. Members of the Field Operations Division have also increased patrols in the area of Loudoun County banks.

According to the FBI, for the past two years, a quarter of all bank robberies in Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia have taken place in the month of December. Additional analysis shows that the number of bank robberies committed in Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia tripled during this one month of the holiday season.

As a proactive approach, law enforcement throughout the region is actively sharing information with banks and the public to create heightened awareness of this issue and warn individuals who may be inclined to rob or attempt to rob banks of law enforcement's increased focus.

In 2014, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office has investigated six bank robberies, with two cases resulting in arrests. Below are summaries and photos from each case:

The most recent bank robbery occurred on November 24th when a suspect entered the WashingtonFirst Bank in the Cedar Lake Plaza, implied he had a weapon, and demanded cash. The suspect was described as a Black male in his mid-twenties to early thirties, 5'7" to 5'10" tall, with a medium build. He was wearing a mask, a button up jean jacket with a black sweatshirt underneath and jeans.





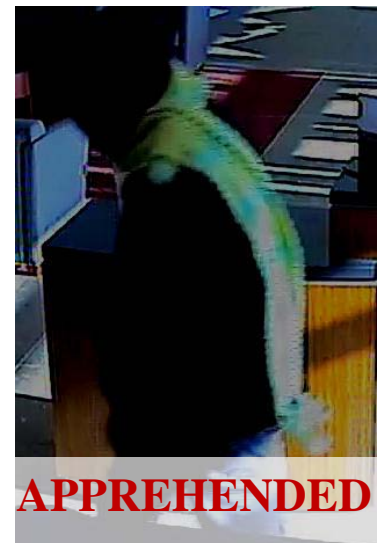
On October 31st, an unknown White male entered the Suntrust Bank on Pidgeon Hill Drive and brandished a firearm. The suspect was described as being in his late 50' to early 60's, and was wearing a dark colored plaid jacket with a camouflage hat and blue jeans.

On October 28th, an unknown entered the Wells Fargo Bank in the Community Plaza shortly before 1PM and demanded cash. The suspect, who was using a scarf to conceal his face, is described as a dark skinned, possibly Hispanic male, and was wearing a dark jacket, a gray sweatshirt, and tan pants with yellow and black gloves. He was carrying a weapon and left the bank with an undisclosed amount of cash. He was last seen in the area of Sugarland Road near Dranesville Road and was possibly riding a bicycle.



On February 4th, an unknown male walked into the WashingtonFirst Bank in the Cedar Lake Plaza, implied he had a weapon, and demanded cash. The subject is described as a dark skinned male, approximately 5'10" tall and was wearing a red zip up jacket, a brown golf-style cap and black pants.

On January 22nd, a male suspect entered the Bank of America in the Ashburn Commons Plaza, implied he had a weapon and demanded cash. The suspect was later identified as Josiah J. Jackman, 26, formerly of Ashburn, VA. He was apprehended less than a week later in West Virginia.





On January 2nd, a male suspect entered the PNC Bank on Free Court in Sterling and demanded cash. The suspect was later identified as Jonzel M. Bailey, 22, formerly of Sterling. He was taken into custody in Miami, Florida.

Anyone who has any information regarding the possible identity of any of the wanted suspects is asked to call the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division at 703-777-0475. Callers wishing to remain anonymous are asked to contact Loudoun Crime Solvers at 703-777-1919. If the information provided to Loudoun Crime Solvers leads to an arrest and indictment, the caller could be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000. In addition, the FBI offers rewards of up to \$5,000 for information that leads to the identification, arrest and conviction of bank robbers.

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